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THIRTEEN MACKEREL SEINERS.

At This Port and Boston With Fair Catches of Large Fish.

Other Vessels Took Fish and Their Early Arrival Expected.

There is quite a brightening of the mackerel horizon this morning caused by the arrival here and at Boston since last report, of 13 vessels, all from fair to fine catches of large fish, which are selling at a good figure. Other craft besides took fish and so more arrivals are looked for during the day.

Seiners at This Port.

Sch. Effie M. Prior, 9000 large fresh mackerel, 106 bbls. salt bullseyes, 2 bbls. large salt mackerel.

Sch. Ralph L. Hall, 4000 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Mary Emerson, 4800 large fresh mackerel.

Seiners at Boston.

Sch. Aloha, 9000 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Benjamin A. Smith, 11,000 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Veda M. McKown, 12,000 large fresh mackerel, 69 barrels salt bullseye mackerel.

Sch. Lucania, 18,000 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Slade Gorton, 12,000 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Little Fanny, 6000 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Victor, 12,000 large fresh mackerel, 2 barrels large salt mackerel.

Sch. Gladiator, 11,000 large fresh mackerel, 50 bbls. salt bullseye mackerel.

Sch. Judique, 7000 large fresh mackerel, 54 barrels salt bullseye mackerel.

Sch. Oriole, 17,000 large fresh mackerel, 4 barrels large salt mackerel.

Fish Schooling in Dangerous Locality.

The fish were taken on the Rips, thus confirming the report brought in a week ago by Capt. Joseph E. Graham of sch. George Parker that the fish were schooling there and that the vessels would make hauls after the high run of tides was over.

Most of the fish caught were taken in small schools, some of the crafts making six and seven sets for 12,000 fish. The schools are covering quite a piece of ground down around the Rose and Crown shoal, schooling both inside and outside of the shoal, so that the vessels are back in the shoal, dangerous spot where they made their big hauls last season.

One of the vessels at Boston today took a school in 14 feet of water and another actually captured a school while the vessel was ashore on the Rose and Crown. Several of the fleet have already been ashore on the shoal but worked off all right. It is a hard place to fish, but the fish are there, and they have to be caught in order for crews to make a living, so all there is to it is to go after them where they are.

Fish Run in Small Schools.

The vessels began to get fish Friday and followed it up Saturday, while some small catches were made Sunday. About 30 sail of the seining fleet were on the fish and as far as can be learned about 15 or 20 of them made hauls. Some did not get enough to run with and so salted their small catches and remained on the ground hoping to strike some more schools, which they probably will do, as the fish did not show any inclination to leave. Of course a lot depends on the weather, and a bad spell might now ruin all the somewhat good outlook at present.

As yet the general run of the schools have been small, but the skippers are hoping that they will bunch up later. All the fish taken there are large, the salted bullseyes that the vessels in this morning have on board being taken previously off the South Shoal lightship and on Georges.

The little sch. Mary Emerson, Capt. Munroe Sampson, came in here yesterday from the Rips and brought the first news of the mackerel strike there. The Emerson carries only five men and as she counted out 4800 large mackerel, the crew are in for a big check each for their few days work, as the craft has been out but a short while.

The little sch. Little Fanny, Capt. Charles Nelson, is right in it again. Less than a week ago she was at Boston, from the Rips, with a small fare, which brought the biggest price of the

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season at T wharf, and the crew of six men shared \$112.68 for their four days work. Now she is in again, this time with a hold full, 6000 large fresh mackerel and on this the crew will get a share of pretty handy to \$90 or \$100. A share of \$200 in 10 days is certainly some fishing.

Capt. Thaddeus Morgan of sch. Constellation who came home ill in the vessel a few days ago, has gone to his home in Virginia. The vessel will continue seining under command of Capt. G. Melville McClain.

Capt. John Barry will command sch. Georgiana in the mackerel fishery.

Ten Dollars Refused for Monster Mackerel.

The big mackerel, an eight-pounder, caught by sch. Speculator, and landed at Boston, Saturday, is still the talk of the T wharf dealers as it was really the largest ever seen or heard of. As soon as the vessel got in the crew began to tell about the big fish and immediately there was a struggle to get it, and it was finally bought by Elmer Prior for P. H. Prior, 2 T wharf. The fish was placed on exhibition, in the store, and was viewed by hundreds. It weighed exactly eight pounds and was 29½ inches from the tip of the head to the tip of the tail, and 19 inches in its largest circumference.

Mr. Prior was made an offer of \$10 for the fish, by a Beverly dealer, who wanted to present it to President Taft, but he refused the offer, as he intends to have it mounted.

Mackerel Sales.

Fresh mackerel at T wharf, Boston this mornig, sold at 15 1-2 cents each, and they are certainly worth all of that, for every fish weighs at least four pounds. The fresh fares sold here brought 15 cents per pound, the Gloucester Fresh Fish Company taking them. This figure is better here than the half cent more at T wharf, all things considered.

The salt bullseye mackerel of sch. Judique sold to the Knowles Freeman Fish Company of Boston at \$6.50 per barrel, and those of sch. Veda M. McKown to Davis Bros. of this city.

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LITTLE HEED TO FISHERMEN.

Governments Do Not Trouble Themselves.

That sturdy champion of fishermen's rights, the world over, the Clark's Harbor, N. S., Coast Guard, has the following to say, editorially, regarding the French steam trawlers and their depredations:

"Reports come thick and fast of widespread destruction of fishing gear by French steam trawlers on the banks. Canada, Newfoundland and the United States all have something at stake in the property of their sea-faring citizens, which is being ruined daily. The fishermen of St. Pierre also, who are among the victims, will make common cause with the other nationalities, and, if need be, fight the foreign invaders to the death. But beyond the protests of the men, their threats of vengeance and their claims filed for damages, there is little heed given to the situation. No government, on either side of the Atlantic, seems disposed to trouble itself about fishermen's interest when the great powers would be in it.

"It would appear that the present day governments care little for the welfare of their humbler subjects. The quarrels of kings and peoples no longer run in the same channels. The British war lords are longing to stir up strife with Germany, though the masses of both countries have no enmity against each other. Of course, Emperor William may be watching for a flank attack on England with an army hired to kill and be killed at the rate of 10 cents a head per day. And Canada, in a moment of madness, may be drawn in the vortex of a war across the ocean, that has no other cause than the blood-lust of rulers engendered by shooting deer in royal parks in the dangerous season of dogdays. There was a moral for monarchs in the dread spectacle of that Somerville pig-sticker running amuck the other day.

"Ten years ago a French officer erected a pole in the houseless wilds of Africa, and immediately a call to arms rang through the British Empire. Yet no man with a family to feed by honest labor suffered the loss of a copper by the freak of that subaltern. Now when the raid on the fishing banks of the North America involves disaster to many thousands, no strong arm of protection is extended. Vessels are putting into port with their gear gone and their time wasted. When the means of subsistence shall have thus been taken away from Nova Scotia fishermen, nothing remains for them but ship on board some Canadian dreadnaught and lay down their lives for the flag."

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GOOD PRICES AT BOSTON.

Mackerel, Swordfish, Cod and Haddock Plentiful.

T wharf, Boston, is well supplied with fish this morning, mackerel, swordfish, haddock and cod predominating. The dealers evidently have a good trade as they are paying pretty good figures for good goods.

In addition to 14 vessels with good ground fish fares there are five crafts with swordfish, four of the trips being the largest of the season, from 71 to 103 fish, sch. George H. Lube having the latter number, this being her second trip of the season. The new sch. Edmund T. Black of Portland, on her maiden trip, has 84 fish.

The fleet of 10 seiners all with good catches and all taking out at once are making things lively as all are anxious to get back to the Rips as soon as possible and get after the fish again.

Of the ground fish fleet the steam trawler Spray is high boat with 64,000 pounds, mostly haddock. Other good fares are sch. Regina, 56,000 pounds; sch. Gov. Russell, 39,000 pounds; sch. Jessie Costa, 33,000 pounds; sch. John J. Fallon, 39,000 pounds.

The receipts in detail are:

Boston.

Sch. Aloha, 9000 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Benjamin A. Smith, 11,000 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Veda M. McKown, 12,000 large fresh mackerel, 69 bbls. salt bullseyes.

Sch. Lucania, 18,000 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Slade Gorton, 12,000 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Little Fanny, 6000 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Victor, 12,000 large fresh mackerel, 2 bbls. large salt bullseyes.

Sch. Gladiator, 11,000 large fresh mackerel, 50 bbls. salt bullseyes.

Sch. Judique, 7000 large fresh mackerel, 54 bbls. salt bullseyes.

Sch. Oriole, 17,000 large fresh mackerel, 4 bbls. large salt mackerel.

Sch. Jessie Costa, 3000 haddock, 25,000 cod, 5000 hake.

Sch. Emelia Enos, 4000 haddock, 10,000 cod.

Sch. John J. Fallon, 20,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 5000 hake.

Sch. Edith Silveira, 12,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 5000 hake.

Sch. Rose Cabral, 1000 haddock, 11,000 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Emerald, 7000 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Nokomis, 71 swordfish.

Sch. Mary F. Smith, 30 swordfish.

Steamer Spray, 57,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Regina, 35,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 9000 hake.

Sch. Buema, 9000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 8000 pollock.

Sch. Hattie F. Knowlton, 3000 haddock, 900 cod.

Sch. George H. Lube, 103 swordfish.

Sch. Edmund T. Black, 84 swordfish.

Sch. Hoekomock, 86 swordfish.

Sch. Nettie, 1800 cod, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Eva Avina, 5000 cod, 3000 pollock.

Sch. Gov. Russell, 4000 haddock, 35,000 cod.

Sch. Laura Enos, 1000 cod, 1000 pollock.

Haddock, \$2.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$3 to \$3.50; market cod, \$2; hake, \$1 to \$2; cusk, \$2; pollock, \$1; large fresh mackerel, 15½c each.

Cape Breton Fishermen.

The Lunenburg, C. B., fishermen are catching considerable codfish along the Cape Breton coast, and those who are busily engaged in lobster fishing are equally prosperous, although an occasional storm causes a great deal of destruction among lobster trawls, and at times greatly hinders the fishermen in their work.

Fishermen Strike at Vancouver.

There is a general strike at Vancouver, B. C., among crews in the halibut fishery. Most of the steamers are tied up in consequence. The fishermen there are sending the telegram to eastern fishing ports, "Pass the word as far as possible warning fishermen against coming west."

The strike probably effects all the concerns sending halibut crafts from Vancouver, but there is little or no danger of any fishermen leaving here to take the place of the strikers. Eastern fishermen have little use for the Pacific coast fishing.

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Provincetown Fishing Notes.

Of the 30 Provincetown boats that drift-netted for mackerel out of New Bedford this season, all but the Albert Brown, Barbara, Briganza, Dart and Betsy Ross have returned home. The boats named will remain south of the Cape and take up swordfishing.

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Nova Scotia Fish Movements.

July 9.—Sand Point—Cod fair. Lockport—Arrived banker Ida M. Clarke, 1000 quintals; bait and fish scarce. Liverpool—Herring plenty; cod and halibut fair; squid reported schooling outside harbor; dogfish plenty. Lunenburg—Cod fair. Musquodoboit—Cod and haddock fair; herring scarce. Salmon River—Trout fair. Euseminac Point—Cod plenty; lobsters and salmon scarce. Caraqueet—Cod and lobsters plenty; salmon and mackerel fair. Bonaventure—Lobsters and salmon plenty; cod fair. Gascons—Cod fair; herring scarce. Newport Point—Bankers report good fares, from 10 to 20 drafts of cod. Grand River—Cod plenty on banks; fair inshore; herring scarce. Perce—Cod fair; herring scarce.

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FISH OF ALL VARIETIES.

Included in the Receipts at This Port Today.

A dozen fares of all kinds are at this port today, from mackerel from the Rips to halibut from up among the icebergs of the Labrador coast. About every craft in has a good fare of some kind of fish and this with the good mackerel news makes a good start for the week in the fishing line.

There is quite a lot of salt cod among the receipts, sch. Lucinda I. Lowell, from salt bank/dory handlining having 200,000 pounds, sch. Hattie L. Trask from a short Quero trip, at the same kind of fishing, having 90,000 pounds, sch. Ramona from Rips fishing 25,000 pounds, sch. Thalia, 30,000 pounds and sch. Lizzie Maud 38,000 pounds. Sch. Cecil H. Low from straight Georges handlining has a small catch, 5000 pounds of salt cod and 2000 pounds of halibut, but as she landed 6000 pounds of halibut at Portland on her first baiting she will come out all right.

Sch. Harry A. Nickerson, from a pollock seining trip to Sable Island bank, has 150,000 pounds, salted, of these kind of fish.

Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, Capt. William H. Thomas, who has been out but a short time, is home from a fresh cod shack trip to Quero bank with a fine catch of 150,000 pounds of fresh cod for the splitters.

Sch. Monitor, Capt. John McKay, comes from Bacallieu bank, up among the icebergs and the icefields, and has a fine catch, 40,000 pounds, of halibut, this being the second fare from that cold region this season, sch. Mooween having the first at Boston Friday.

Three of the seining fleet, schs. Effie M. Prior, Ralph L. Hall and Mary Emerson, have arrived here since last report, with fares of fresh mackerel, the former having also quite a bunch of salt bullseyes besides.

"Taking everything full and by," it is a pretty good fish morning.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are as follows:

Today's Receipts.

Sch. Lucinda I. Lowell, Quero bank, dory handlining, 200,000 lbs. salt cod. Sch. Hattie L. Trask, Quero Bank, dory handlining, 90,000 lbs. salt cod. Sch. Ramona, Rips, 25,000 lbs salt cod. Sch. Lizzie Maud, Rips, 38,000 lbs. salt cod. Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, Quero Bank, 140,000 lbs fresh fish. Sch. Cecil H. Low, Georges, 5000 lbs. salt cod, 2000 lbs. halibut. Sch. Monitor, Bacallieu Bank, 40,000 lbs. halibut. Sch. Harry A. Nickerson, Quero Bank, pollock seining 150,000 lbs. salt pollock. Sch. Mary Emerson, Rips, 4000 large fresh mackerel. Sch. Ralph L. Hall, Rips, 4800 large fresh mackerel. Sch. Effie M. Prior, Rips, 9000 large fresh mackerel, 105 bbls salt bullseyes and 2 bbls. salt large mackerel. Sch. Thalia, Rips, 30,000 lbs. salt cod.

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Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Annie M. Parker, dory handlining. Sch. Ella M. Goodwin, dory handlining. Sch. Dauntless, seining. Sch. Saladin, seining. Sch. Gladys and Sabra, Rips. Sch. Ethel B. Penney, Rips. Sch. Aspinet, haddocking.

Today's Fish Market.

Cape North salt cod, large, \$3; mediums, \$2.75. Cape North fresh cod, large, \$1.55; mediums, \$1.40. Outside sales fresh western cod, large \$2, market \$1.65; haddock 65c and 67½c. Outside sales salt Rips cod, \$3.30 per cwt. for large; \$3.10 for mediums. Outside sales trawl bank salt cod, large, \$2.87½; mediums, \$2.62½; snappers, \$1.50. Dory handline salt cod, large, \$3.12½ per cwt. for large and \$2.87½ for medium. Bank halibut, 8c per pound for white and 6c for grey. Fresh mackerel 14 cts. each. Salt "bullseye" mackerel, \$6.50 per bbl. Board of Trade prices: Large Western cod, \$2 per cwt.; markets, \$1.65. Large Eastern cod, \$1.70 per cwt., market, \$1.50. Large drift Georges cod, \$3.40 per cwt.; medium do., \$3.10. Large "halibut" cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium do., \$2.75; snappers, \$1.75. Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$1.70 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.50; Eastern cod, large, \$1.55; medium do., \$1.30; cusk, \$1.60 for large, \$1.20 for medium and 50 cts. for snappers; haddock, 60c.; hake, 60c. Trawl bank cod, large, \$2.87 1-2 per cwt.; medium, \$2.62 1-2; snappers, \$1.50. Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium snappers, \$1. Salt pollock, \$1 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1; salt hake, \$1. Round pollock, 50c per cwt.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Hazel R. Hines and Raymah were at Liverpool, N. S., on Friday taking ice and sch. Corona seeking bait. Sch. Grace Darling was at Liverpool, N. S., on Friday. Sch. Thomas A. Cromwell was at Canso, N. S., on Friday.

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HELD OFF FOR BETTER PRICES.

Mackerel Skippers at Boston Refused to Sell This Morning at 141/2 Cts.

Ten Trips Arrived at That Port and Three Here.

The vessels continue to bring fresh mackerel fares from the Rips and this morning ten trips are at Boston and three at this port. The trips do not average as large as those landed yesterday, but all of them will pay for running to market.

At T wharf, when the bell rung, the skippers were offered 14 cents each for their mackerel, but they held off and talked 16 and 17 cents, so that no fish were sold up to 9.15 o'clock. The skippers knew that 15½ cents was paid for the same kind of fish yesterday and they did not propose to let their goods go any cheaper than yesterday's sales if they could help it, especially where there was not any where near as many in today as the day before, 65,000 fish covering the catch of the ten craft.

The fish were taken on the Rips, most of them Sunday, a few having some fish taken Saturday and Monday. Most of them were caught around the Rose and Crown shoal and Round shoal, and the skippers report, as did those yesterday, that they were in small schools although they seemed to cover quite a lot of ground. It appeared to them as though the fish acted as if they were going to stay there for a while, and some of the skippers thought they would be there for a week or more yet, and perhaps longer.

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Some of the vessels tore their seines quite badly and two are reported to have gone into Provincetown yesterday and shipped home a seine each to be repaired.

Sch. Reliance is at home from the Rips for some alterations in her seine. The craft was on the fish last Friday and Saturday and one day made 14 sets with her small seine, having the fish in the twine every time, but could not secure them. Capt. John Nelson thinks the seine is too straight and will have it hung over and more full.

At this port this morning sch. Moanham has her seine torn by hanging up on bottom while fishing on the Rips. She with schs. Mildred V. Nunan and Arcadia, have small fares here, and all sold to the Gloucester Fresh Fish Company.

Seiners at This Port.

Sch. Arcadia, 3500 large fresh mackerel. Sch. Mildred V. Nunan, 2500 large fresh mackerel. Sch. Moanham, 2500 large fresh mackerel.

Seiners at Boston.

Sch. Ingomar, 10,000 large fresh mackerel, 125 bbls. salt bullseyes. Sch. Patrician, 8000 large fresh mackerel, 50 bbls. salt bullseyes. Sch. Arabia, 6000 large fresh mackerel. Sch. Emily Cooney, 3000 large fresh mackerel. Sch. Shenandoah, 5000 large fresh mackerel. Sch. Annie Greenlaw, 7000 large fresh mackerel, 40 bbls. salt bullseyes. Sch. Indiana, 6000 large fresh mackerel. Sch. Pontiac, 7000 large fresh mackerel, 34 bbls. salt bullseyes. Sch. Georgia, 3000 large fresh mackerel. Sch. Priscilla Smith, 6000 large fresh mackerel, 2 bbls. salt bullseyes.

Bullseyes Took a Raise

Salt bullseyes took a raise here yesterday when the 106 barrels of sch. Effie M. Prior sold to the Gloucester Mackerel Company at \$6.75 per barrel, a raise of 25 cents per barrel.

Made Good Stock.

Sch. Effie M. Prior, Capt. Elroy, Prior stocked \$2024.20 on her fresh and salt mackerel trip, landed here yesterday the crew clearing \$41.76. This put him right up among the leaders of the fleet.

Sch. Oriole, Capt. Charles H. Harty, stocked \$3059 on her fresh mackerel trip at Boston yesterday.

Sch. Lucania, Capt. Martin J. Welch, stocked \$2483 on her fresh mackerel trip at Boston yesterday.

Mackerel Schools Reported.

Some of the swordfishermen at Boston yesterday report acres of mackerel schooling 65 miles south by east one half east from Sankaty Head. They are sure they were mackerel, as they went through some of the schools and saw the fish plainly. The seining skippers take considerable stock in the report.

Some of the market boats at Boston yesterday report small mackerel schools in Boston bay.

The captain and crew of sch. Cecil H. Low which arrived Sunday, report seeing several schools of mackerel Saturday 20 miles southeast of Thacher's island. They went aloft and looked down into the schools and are sure they were mackerel.

Hundreds of whales, some of them of enormous size, were passed off Nantucket south shoal lightship Sunday by the United fruit company's steamer Esparta, Capt. Glenn, which arrived yesterday at Boston from Port Limon, whales stretched out as far as the eye could reach. The leviathans were heading north and were evidently in pursuit of mackerel. Some of them moved right along with the steamer for several miles. The officers of the steamer said they had never in their experience seen so many whales.

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MAY BE AMBERGRIS.

If So, Crew of Sch. Hockomock Will Share Small Fortune.

Sch. Hockomock, one of the down east swordfish fleet, which arrived at Boston yesterday, brought in a lump of something supposed by many to be ambergris. If it is the genuine article, the lump is valued at \$20,000.

The lump was found in a big swordfish weighing 400 pounds, the fish being ironed on Georges Bank. An expert will be called to examine the mass and determine its nature. If it is the real thing the crew are in for a small sized fortune.

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Large Cod Taken.

Sch. Hattie F. Knowlton, at T wharf yesterday, landed a codfish weighing 50 pounds.